Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Will the Government tolerate when the House is described as consisting of Gowdas and daddas? For such a paper should you give encouragement?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The House is at liberty to take such action as it deems fit.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are the Government at liberty to do what they like? Or are they governed by rules and regulations in this respect?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That question does not arise. Government works under the Constitution and under the control of the Legislature.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Yes; the control of the Legislature is to see that the Legislature is not dishonoured by the action of the Government. They expect the Government to safeguard the interests of this House also, to safeguard its honour.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are repeating the same question.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—I will put another question. Was not the information conveyed through that paper, conveyed through Government reports, bulletins, and advertisements published in several other papers? What was that information which was not available to this House but was published by that paper in its special issue?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that and I repeat it again. It is for wider publicity for our industries that the issue of the supplement has been accepted by the Government.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Even if it was meant for wider publicity, why was it sent to school children? Why was it sent to Assembly members? Let it be for wider publicity in Bombay State or all over the world. But why was it sent to every member of the House? What was the special information which was not already conveyed to the members but which the paper contained, I want to know. Should you not tell me the motive that impelled you to purchase copies of that paper and send them to members?

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has answered.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—He has not answered, Sir. Having read the paper, I want to know what is it that impelled the Government to purchase that paper and what is the special information that that paper wanted the members to know?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It serves as a propaganda for industrial development.

Accreditation of Journalists.

Q.—753. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the system of accreditation of journalists is in vogue in the State;

(*b*) if so, when the last accreditation took place;

(*c*) if the list is prepared after accreditation, the names of the journalists?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in the habit of sending invitation to journalists for the Press Conferences organised by the Government?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No invitations are sent but intimations are given.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—On what basis they are given?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—On the basis of reports appearing.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is there any list available of journalists?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that many of these journals have not received any such intimation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Quite possible.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—What is the reason ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—If a specific paper is mentioned, I will be able to tell the Hon'ble Member.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Are the Government aware that the system of accreditation of journalists is in vogue in the neighbouring Madras State and Bombay State ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not know about the neighbouring States. But it is in the Centre.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Will the Government propose to have such accreditation here also ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—We tried in the matter. But the Press has not co-operated and we were not able to proceed further.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Is it not a fact that invitations were extended to papers like the "Deccan Herald" and the "Prajavani" to attend Khedda operations ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That does not arise out of this question.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Is it not a fact, because that comes under the category of invitation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—But the question here is accreditation.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—In what respects the Press has not co-operated ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I am glad the Hon'ble Member has put that question. The rules available in the Centre were taken up by the Mysore Government and they were finalised and invitations were sent to all the Press people to follow up that procedure. And in accordance with that, information was sought and when applications were also called for, several of them did not respond and the few that responded did not give full information.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—What are those papers that did not respond and those that did respond ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—May I know what the Government mean when they say that there is no system of accreditation of journalists in the State ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That arises when there are rules regarding accreditation.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Does not accreditation mean that each paper has got a representative to report and he should attend the Press Room and get the several orders of Government ? Is that the meaning of the word 'accreditation', when it is said that every newspaper who has got its representative, will be allowed to get into the Press Room and get the Government orders and other matters ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Hon'ble Member knows it and he is correct.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Was not such a system in vogue in Mysore ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question. We tried ; but on account of want of good response from the Press we were not able to follow it up.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Now, is not admission to the Press Room restricted to those people who have received Press Passes from the Chief Secretary to Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Are not the Government aware that admission to the Press Gallery is restricted to those who have been accredited by the Press Gallery Committee ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Minister need not answer that question. It does not arise. It is under the Speaker's jurisdiction.

Separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

Q.—781. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by them to separate the Judiciary from the Executive in the State ;